

as a result of the kingdom's failure to honor its contractual obligations. In an effort to bring about a fair and expeditious settlement for GHI and other American companies with claims against Saudi Arabia, Congress established a special claims process following hearings before the House Foreign Affairs Committee. GHI is the last remaining company whose claim has not been paid by the Saudi Arabian Government under this process.

For more than a year, a bipartisan coalition in both the House and Senate, as well as the administration, have worked to fairly resolve the GHI claim. At several points during this process, Saudi Ambassador Bandar and other high-ranking Saudi officials made commitments to Congress and the administration that the GHI claim would be resolved in a fair and expeditious manner and that no effort would be spared in resolving the GHI claim. During this time, Congress and the administration have been lead to believe that the Saudi Government was committed to working toward a fair settlement of the GHI claim. As recent as 3 months ago, Ambassador Bandar met with, and gave assurances to, Senator FRANK LAUTENBERG and GHI's chairman that a shared commitment existed to achieve a prompt and fair resolution of the claim. This was followed by explicit commitments from high-level Saudi officials in both Washington and Riyadh that this claim would be paid. Unfortunately, in a recent communication to GHI, the Saudi Embassy contradicts these explicit commitments.

I am dismayed by the delaying tactics of the Saudi Embassy. It is my belief that what should have been an open and closed issue is beginning to grow into a significant strain on United States-Saudi relations. The Saudi Government's disregard for this American company that has provided services to the kingdom is unacceptable.

The time is now for the Saudi Government to live up to its commitments to me, my colleagues, the administration, and GHI. My colleagues and I require a full and prompt payment of this claim to successfully conclude this important claim issue.

TRIBUTE TO SAM IRMEN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in tribute to a man who for 46 years has represented the very best traditions of citizenship, corporate involvement, and support for his community.

Sam Irmen began his career at a time when employers and companies were truly involved in their communities and served as a base of support and stability for their communities.

Sam began his career with the Andersons of Maumee, OH, 46 years ago, and rose to the position of vice president and group manager of the grain division. And for those 46 years, he sought to share with his community and advantages his position gave him and the resources that his company could utilize to better his community.

To Sam and his wife Charlee and their seven children, both his company and his community, Maumee, OH, were there home. Sam never stopped contributing. He served on

the elementary school board, as president of the church's parish council, and as president of the school board at St. John's High School. He also served as a member and past vice president of the Maumee Chamber of Commerce.

Good men and women can contribute endlessly when their companies encourage participation. Over the course of his 46 years with the Andersons, Sam's business participation stretched throughout the business community. He is a member of the board of directors at Mid Am National Bank & Trust Co., a member and past president of the National Grain and Feed Association and past chairman of the Grain Grades and Weights Committee, a member and past international president of the Grain Elevator and Processing Society, and a member of distinction of the Grain Elevator and Processing Society.

In addition to these contributions and responsibilities, Sam has led numerous government and trade task forces, served three terms as president of the Toledo Board of Trade, and was a designated representative of agriculture on Ohio Governor Celeste's 1984 Ohio Trade Mission to the Far East.

Simply put, Sam Irmen's career and contributions to his community deeply reflect the bonds that should join every company to its community.

I would like all my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating Sam, his wife Charlee, and their wonderful family for 46 years of service and contributions to his company and his community. My fervent hope is that his career will become a lesson for future employees and their companies. His is an example we should all emulate.

INTRODUCTION OF A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

HON. BOB FRANKS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce, with Representatives CONDIT and GILLMOR, a joint resolution proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution. I plan to offer this legislation as an amendment in the nature of a substitute to House Joint Resolution 1, when the House considers that bill later this week.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation is substantially similar to House Joint Resolution 1, but with two crucial differences. First, this legislation strikes the three-fifths provision to raise taxes contained in section 2 of House Joint Resolution 1. While I am steadfastly opposed to raising taxes, the controversy surrounding this provision could hamper passage in the Senate and make it more difficult to achieve the requisite two-thirds vote in the House of Representatives.

Second, this legislation includes a provision prohibiting new unfunded Federal mandates. We strongly believe that a ban on unfunded mandates is essential to prevent a future Congress from balancing the Federal budget merely by shifting costs and responsibilities to State and local governments.

The supporters of the other versions of the balanced budget amendment contend that

there are only two ways to balance the budget—either by cutting spending or increasing taxes. But the truth is there's a third, more insidious option where the Congress would mandate expensive Federal programs onto State and local governments and require local taxpayers to pick up the tab. Judging from the past, it is clear that Congress will use any means available to avoid hard budget choices. I believe that closing the unfunded mandates loophole is imperative to preserve the integrity of the balanced budget amendment and ensure protection for local taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, including an unfunded Federal mandates provision as part of the balanced budget amendment is the only ironclad way to protect local taxpayers. Although I welcome and support efforts to solve the unfunded mandates issue by passing a statute, the sorry fact is that Congress is adept at finding ways to circumvent statutory law in order to escape from fiscal accountability.

Additionally, it is important to note that Republicans and Democratic Governors have rightly expressed their reluctance to encourage their State legislatures to ratify a balanced budget amendment without a provision specifically prohibiting new unfunded Federal mandates. Inclusion of a provision to ban unfunded Federal mandates will markedly improve chances of ratification by the States.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation has the support of the National League of Cities and the National Conference of State Legislatures [NCSL]. The support of NCSL is especially noteworthy, as it is their members who will be ultimately deciding the fate of the balanced budget amendment.

Consideration of the balanced budget amendment presents Congress with a unique and historic opportunity to permanently resolve the issue of unfunded Federal mandates. Moreover, it provides assurance that Congress will not meet its obligations under the balanced budget amendment by imposing unfunded mandates on State and local governments. I urge my colleagues to support the Franks-Condit-Gillmor balanced budget amendment, which I believe represents the version of the balanced budget amendment that will be most enthusiastically ratified by three-fourths of the States.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF WILLIAM BEHAN

HON. THOMAS M. DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today to honor Mr. William (Bill) Behan, a resident of Woodbridge, VA, a dedicated American and outstanding public servant. Mr. Behan has officially announced his retirement from the Federal Aviation Administration, and will retire on February 3, 1995.

Mr. Behan will have accumulated over 33 years of combined Federal service, starting with the U.S. Marine Corps in 1961 and 24 years with the FAA beginning in 1971. In his 24 years with the FAA Mr. Behan has held many different positions in numerous States.

During the past 4 years, Mr. Behan has been assigned to FAA headquarters in Washington, DC, as Manager of the Air Traffic Plans and Programs Division, where he has done an outstanding job.

Over the years Mr. Behan has received many awards and recognition for his services to the flying public. He was recently recognized by the Secretary of Transportation for accomplishments on the Level I Contract Tower Management Team and received the FAA Administrator's Superior Accomplishment Award in 1994 for excellence for increasing representation of women and minorities in GS-13 and above positions from 10 percent to more than 60 percent. Mr. Behan is regarded by his friends and coworkers alike as a public servant dedicated to ensuring the flying public the highest quality of safety and service. His dedication and devotion to duty will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, I know the rest of my colleagues join me in recognizing Mr. Behan for his many years of selfless public service and wish him well in his retirement.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my return to Washington from my congressional district on Tuesday, January 18 due to weather conditions.

I request to state for the RECORD that had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on the resolution before the House, the Congressional Accountability Act.

TRIBUTE TO THE WEST ANGELES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORP. AND ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LULA BAILEY BALLTON

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute the West Angeles Community Development Corp. [West Angeles CDC] and its executive director, Mrs. Lula Bailey Ballton. Under Mrs. Ballton's outstanding and innovative leadership, West Angeles CDC is working to empower residents of the Los Angeles community. Located in my congressional district, the West Angeles CDC was established for the purpose of promoting, developing, and fostering economic development, social justice, and community transformation opportunities in and around the Crenshaw community.

West Angeles CDC's approach to economic development is simple: to attain and maintain local control of capital and management of community assets. Progeny of the West Angeles Church of God in Christ and its spiritual leader—Bishop Charles E. Blake—West Angeles CDC understands that the key to an economically secure future rests in achieving economic parity. To help residents of the community accomplish this goal, West Angeles CDC

forms new partnership arrangements with the private sector to create new jobs and stimulate economic activity in the community.

West Angeles CDC offers several important training initiatives to help the community prepare for the new jobs that come into the area as a result of the organization's outreach. Through its Adult Learning Center, classes are offered in computer applications, clerical training, English as a second language, and business skills critical to enhancing employment opportunities for residents. Nearly 100 trained tutors, operating under the auspices of the West Angeles Literacy Empowerment Team [WALET], work to improve the reading and comprehension skills of students.

West Angeles CDC's executive director, Mrs. Lula Bailey Ballton, has been instrumental in steering the organization toward its goals. Under her leadership, a program is being developed to rehabilitate low-income, mixed-income, and affordable housing in communities surrounding the West Angeles Church. Future plans call for the development of a senior low-income housing project and providing comprehensive services such as housing rehabilitation mortgage counseling, and housing development.

Educator, businesswoman, and attorney, Lula Bailey Ballton brings a wealth of experience to her position. She has served on the faculties of several colleges and universities, including city colleges of Chicago, Los Angeles City College, and El Camino College. She also served as director of education for the Chicago Urban League, and founded the Whitney M. Young Scholarship and the Edwin Berry Loan Fund. In 1984, she founded SCHOOL SEARCH, Inc., a school finders service. She chairs the corporation's board of directors.

Mrs. Ballton received a juris doctorate in 1990 from the UCLA School of Law. She served as an attorney in the civil rights division of the California Department of Justice, and prior to joining West Angeles CDC, was with the law firm of Bryan, Cave, McPheeters, and McRoberts.

Residents in and around the Crenshaw community are indeed fortunate to have an individual of Mrs. Ballton's stature at the helm of West Angeles CDC. Her skills are formidable and will be a tremendous asset to the organization as it moves to launch several other programs, all designed to bring self-sufficiency and economic parity to the community.

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to have this opportunity to salute the fine work being done by the West Angeles Community Development Corp. and Mrs. Lula Bailey Ballton. I ask my colleagues to join me in extending to them best wishes for continued success as they persevere to fulfill a commitment to community empowerment.

TRIBUTE TO COL. GEORGE M. MATTINGLEY, JR., USAF

HON. JACK FIELDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. FIELDS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Col. George M. "Matt" Mattingley, Jr., as he retires after more than

24 years of distinguished service with the U.S. Air Force.

Colonel Mattingley is retiring from his position as the Chief of the Inquiry Division, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force. In this capacity, he was responsible for the preparation of replies in behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force to constituent inquiries from all Members of this Chamber as well as our colleagues in the Senate. Equally significant was his responsibility to the White House and the Office of the Vice President for similar constituent services.

As a spokesman for the Secretary of the Air Force, he made numerous visits to Capitol Hill to confer personally with Members of Congress on a broad range of topics—personnel management, entitlements eligibility, health care administration, and military justice. He established and fostered positive working relations with our district military caseworkers, enabling us to work on sensitive constituent issues in a timely manner.

Many Members have traveled with Matt, who led numerous delegations worldwide. Matt and his subordinates went to great lengths to make them comfortable, frequently working long hours to accommodate their changes in itinerary and unique travel requirements.

The freshman of the 103d Congress got to know Matt particularly well as Matt was the Department of Defense and Department of the Air Force representative who provided the logistics and protocol support for their orientation here in Washington and at Harvard University.

Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing our sincere appreciation not only for outstanding service to the legislative and executive branches, but also as one of the consummate executives of the Air Force.

TRIBUTE TO DALE LAURANCE

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

HON. HOWARD L. BERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 23, 1995

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, we ask our colleagues to join us in saluting Dale Laurance, executive vice president of Occidental Petroleum Corp., for the great contribution he has made to the nonprofit "House of Justice," Bet Tzedek Legal Services of Los Angeles.

Dale Laurance became deeply involved in the work of Bet Tzedek through his close friends, Jerry Cohen and Jerry Stern. He has brought tremendous energy and an abundance of talent and creativity to this work. He has also enlisted the assistance of a vast circle of businesses and professionals, who were drawn to Bet Tzedek by his persuasive presentation of its goals, accomplishments, and effectiveness. A great amount of the service that Bet Tzedek is able to provide the poor and the elderly in Los Angeles can be traced directly to Mr. Laurance's tireless efforts on Bet Tzedek's behalf.

Mr. Laurance also deserves our recognition for a distinguished career in petroleum engineering, and for his signal contributions to the